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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: NEW ZEALAND INTRODUCES SPNWFZ
RESOLUTION

REF: WELLINGTON 2418

1. NEW ZEALAND PERMREP TEMPLETON, ON BEHALF OF CO-
SPONSORS NEW ZEALAND, FIJI AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA, INTRODUCED
DRAFT RES ON SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONE (SPNWFZ)
IN FIRST COMMITTEE OCT 31. (TEXT IN REFTEL).

2. ON QUESTION OF APPLICABILITY OF ZONE TO HIGH SEAS,
TEMPLETON QUOTED STATEMENT BY FIJIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER:
"IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF MY GOVERNMENT TO DEPRIVE ANY
STATE AGAINST ITS WILL OF ITS RIGHT TO FREE AND UNIMPEDED
PASSAGE IN THE HIGH SEAS OR THE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE
IN OTHER WATERS", AND SAID THIS WAS ALSO NEW ZEALAND'S
POSITION. CONTINUING, HE NOTED, "OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW
IS THAT IF IT WERE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH A TREATY,
THIS COULD USEFULLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TLATELOLCO
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PRECEDENT, AND PROVIDE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE FOR ENTRY

INTO FORCE IN RESPECT OF THE TERRITORIES OF STATES RATIFYING THE TREATY. AS TO A FURTHER STAGE, IN WHICH NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE STATIONED ANYWHERE IN THE AREA, THIS WOULD CLEARLY REQUIRE TO BE ACCEPTED BY ALL THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES BEFORE IT COULD COME INTO EFFECT. WE WOULD THEREFORE ENVISAGE A NEED FOR A SEPARATE BUT RELATED INSTRUMENT WHICH WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ONLY WHEN IT HAD BEEN RATIFIED BY THOSE STATES."

3. WITH CAVEAT THAT EXACT BOUNDARIES WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT, TEMPLETON SAID NEW ZEALAND ENVISAGED NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ZONE AS EQUATOR AND SOUTHERN AS 60TH PARALLEL (NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ANTARCTIC TREATY). EASTERN AND WESTERN BOUNDARIES, HE WENT ON, "WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION." HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS ALREADY NWFZ TREATY AREA TO EAST (LATIN AMERICAN NWFZ), "ALTHOUGH THAT TREATY IS NOT YET FULLY IN FORCE OVER THE WHOLE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA DEFINED IN THE TREATY."

4. TEMPLETON DIRECTLY QUOTED U.S. CRITERIA FOR NWFZS, INCLUDING NON-PERMISSIBILITY OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES IN AREA DEVELOPING PNE DEVICES, NOTED UK HAD ADVANCED VERY SIMILAR CRITERIA, AND SAID NEW ZEALAND SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN MEETING THEM.

5. FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT POUCHED IO/UNP (LONG) AND ACDA/IR (EINHORN).
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